

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Sub C1 1. An absorbent article comprising a liquid retentive absorbent layer containing a superabsorbent polymer and a liquid-impermeable leak proof layer, wherein an agent having a skin care effect and substantially no decomposing action on said superabsorbent polymer is
5 fixed on a prescribed region of said absorbent article in a state ready to be released from that region on contact with moisture.

Sub A1 2. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said agent is fixed on the skin-contacting surface of said absorbent article.

10 3. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said agent comprises a water-soluble or water-dispersible plant extract.

4. The absorbent article according to claim 1, wherein said superabsorbent polymer has a water absorption of 30 g/g or more in terms of physiological saline absorption measured after centrifugal dewatering.

Sub A2 5. An absorbent article comprising a liquid retentive absorbent layer and a liquid-impermeable leak proof layer, wherein an agent having a prescribed effect on the skin of a
15 wearer is fixed with a water-soluble thickener on a prescribed region of said absorbent article.

Sub A3 6. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said agent is fixed on the skin-contacting surface of said absorbent article.

20 7. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said agent is fixed by applying an aqueous solution or dispersion of said agent and said water-soluble thickener to said prescribed region followed by drying.

8. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said water-soluble thickener comprises polyvinyl alcohol, a carboxyalkyl cellulose or a thickening polysaccharide.

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9. The absorbent article according to claim 5, wherein said water-soluble thickener has a water dissolving temperature of 40 to 100°C.

Sub A 10. Skin-care agent-containing fiber comprising fiber and an effective amount of a skin-care agent fixed on said fiber in a state ready to be released on contact with moisture.

5 11. The skin-care agent-containing fiber according to claim 10, wherein said skin-care agent other than 1,3-butylene glycol is fixed together with a textile oil and 1,3-butylene glycol. *B*

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